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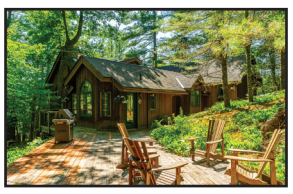

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A photo of the new HCPL courier van the day it arrived. /CHRIS STEPHENSON Special to *County Life*

This past summer at your public library

CHRIS STEPHENSON
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Summer Reading Club kicked off on June 17 this year at Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL). It's that time of year when library staff inspire literacy and generate excitement about reading across all age groups. And we do our best to help parents and teachers diminish the effects of 'Summer Slide,' the period over the summer months when school is out and reading abilities may decline. This season we've handed out over 500 reading notebooks at our seven branches across the County. As well, we launched a Book Bingo challenge for both adults and teens which has proven popular – and not just because we offer some neat prizes at the end of summer

In addition to this summer reading tradition, HCPL featured a series of children's author readings each month, and we enjoyed a couple of these on the lawn behind our branches. Our events calendar has been packed with programs and ongoing passive activities, such as Storywalks at branches in each municipality, special travelling displays, and drop-in crafts, which brought many families in especially on the rainy days. We've been raising and releasing butterflies this summer, hosting new programs such as one developed by an amazing volunteer, Yasmin, who led Henna tattoo workshops, and we partnered with some new groups this year. A recent example is our partnership with the Pinnguaq Association in Lindsay. The Pinnguaq staff have come to HCPL to run unique S.T.E.A.M. programming, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We're also working with them to offer new DIY tech kits for learning at home this September.

A special thing happened in August when we found out the new courier van we ordered last year had arrived in Minden. Over the past few months, the book bins we ship between branches have grown in weight and number. One of the couriers told me following a recent trip with the former vehicle that he had so many bins to take he was completely full. The new van will soon be branded with the library's logo and contact information, and it is large enough that we'll always have room for the many books requested across Haliburton County. And eventually the van will be configured to assist our programming efforts throughout the library system. We'd like to find funding to outfit it with shelves for our various portable kits and programming supplies, and with the capacity to broadcast a wi-fi signal wherever we go. This will be handy for people in every community when library staff show up at parks, fairs, farmer's markets, and other events in future.

Regular and special library programming happens all year round, but we do mark the seasons and change up what we do occasionally. So, you'll want to check out the 'Programs & Events' page on our website, at www.haliburtonlibrary.ca to see what's coming this fall as it develops.

As Arthur, the cartoon aardvark from a popular children's TV show reminds us, "Having fun isn't hard, when you've got a library card!" Stop into any Haliburton County Public Library branch and we'd be happy to help you get set up with yours. On behalf of the staff and the library Board: See you soon and have a great rest of the summer!

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SIRCH Community Services was thrilled to receive a donation of nearly $5,000 from Gary Bouwmeister, raised at the annual Rock On The Dock event on Aug. 26. The lakeside concert, which is held on Kennisis Lake and organized by Bouwmeister, features live music by Tim Magwood. This was the fourth year for Rock On The Dock, which has raised more than $10,000 for SIRCH since its inception. This year's funds will go towards supporting Community Kitchen, a program that distributes 1,400 meals, plus soups, every month for free to residents throughout Haliburton County and Bancroft. Pictured with Gary is SIRCH board president Barb Fawcett, centre, and board director John Herald. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser and SIRCH. /Submitted

Dysart hosts Household Hazardous Waste Day

Items with the corrosive, explosive, flammable, or poisonous symbol must never be placed in the garbage or recycling. Instead, to help protect the environment, it is vital residents drop off acceptable materials at Household Hazardous Waste Days.

The Municipality of Dysart et al is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Guilford Landfill, 11903 Hwy 118, West Guilford.

Household hazardous waste includes aerosol cans (full or partially full); automotive fluids; batteries – vehicle (automotive, marine, etc.); batteries - household (rechargeable and single-use); cleaners (bleach, oven cleaner, etc.); compact fluorescent light bulbs; fertilizers; finishing products (varnish, glue, etc.); fluorescent tubes; gasoline (containers *not* returned); motor oil (must be capped); paint (latex and oil, full or partially full); pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides; pool chemicals; propane cylinders; propane tanks; and solvents (varsol, paint thinners, etc.).

Any resident of the County of Haliburton can attend the Household Hazardous Waste Day. To participate, residents must show their valid Algonquin Highlands or Dysart et al or Highlands East or Minden Hills landfill card. Residents must remain inside their vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off. Event staff will unload residential household hazardous waste.

Note, if you are attending an event outside of your regular municipality, only household hazardous waste will be accepted (no other wastes).

Due to provincial regulations, these events are for Haliburton County residents only. Hazardous waste is *not* accepted from businesses and organizations, including builders, camps, charities, contractors, painting companies, places of worship, restaurants, retailers, schools, etc.

For more information, visit www.dysartetal.ca/hhw or download the free Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

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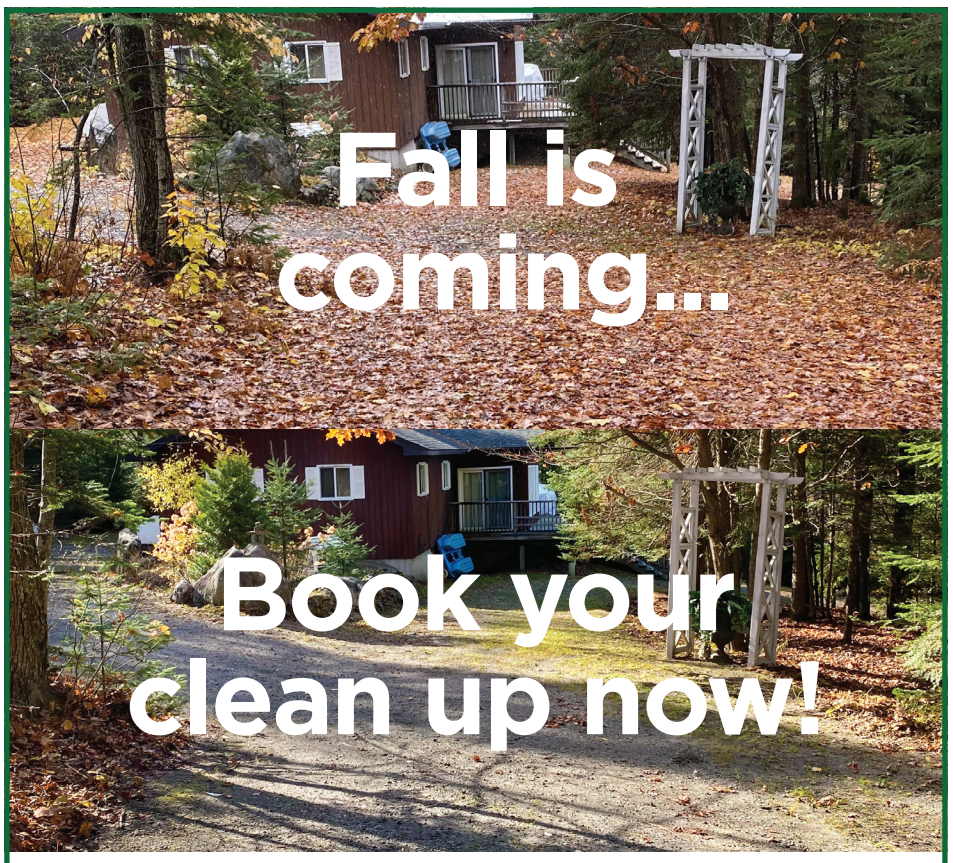

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Stanhope Fire Station celebrates 50 years

The Stanhope Fire Department celebrated 50 years by opening their doors to the public and welcoming new faces to explore all the station has to offer. /CHRISTINE CARR staff

CHRISTINE CARR
County Life Staff

Kids of all ages gathered in Stanhope on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 50th anniversary of the Stanhope Fire Station. With everything from fire trucks, clothing and equipment, a barbecue, and lots of firefighters to answer questions, the open house had something for everyone.

The open house provided an opportunity for kids and adults to peek behind the curtain of firefighting and to help the station raise money through the barbecue and goods offered. District Chief for the Station Robert Sargent described what it was people enjoyed so much about the day.

"The reason we are doing this today is this year marks 50 years of a fire hall in Stanhope … [everyone is] having fun, looking at a lot of nice, shiny equipment. We are proud of what we've got. It has changed a lot over the years," said Sargent.

The money raised from the barbecue helps support the fire station, allowing the money to go towards training and the community. Sargent described how one of the biggest changes over the last few years is in regards to the training of new firefighters. Instead of learning on the job, as he did, all firefighters now need to be fully certified before they can begin, which can cost up to $20,000 and take six months. However, this change has allowed the county departments to become closer, as they created programs to work together to ensure everyone has the proper certification.

"The whole county got together because we have a good pool of instructors. All of the new recruits go through a six month program where there is a lot of training in their own halls ... the whole county has gotten closer because of it. Now the training gets split up into different halls. Everyone gets to see the different equipment, meet the different people, and everyone gets closer because of it," said Sargent.

Looking to the future, Sargent is excited for what is to come. One growing area in firefighting is that of mental health, as stations have a greater understanding of the impact mental health has on fire fighters. Algonquin Highlands has been commended in the past for their actions towards protecting firefighters' mental health.

"Mental health has become a really big thing. The whole mental health aspect has opened up and become more forefront … you are allowed to talk about it now," Sargent said.

Like he did as a kid watering the gardens with his tonka metal fire truck, kids in Stanhope had a great afternoon dressing up as firefighters and playing in and around the trucks and equipment. In opening the fire hall, Sargent potentially created new firefighters who will benefit from today's open house in the future.

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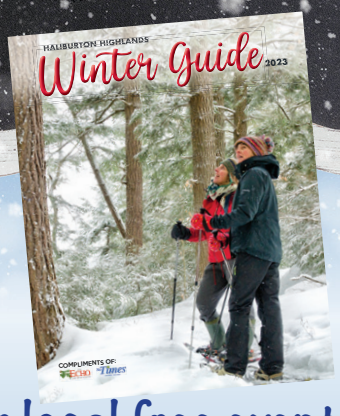

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Newspaper database project launched

VIVIAN COLLINGS

County Life Editor

Soon there will be a way for everyone to access existing written history of Haliburton County.

The Haliburton County Newspaper Digitization Project committee has formed to take on digitizing boxes and boxes of newspaper publications as far back as 1860.

The demanding job will be completed in steps, beginning this fall.

"It's ideal for people doing genealogy, it's ideal for people doing personal history searches or if someone's researching a certain project or organization," said Ted Brandon, project coordinator. "And it's just so important to preserve. All these papers live in boxes. If there were ever a fire, all that history would be gone."

Just last week, he started cataloging one collection of publications.

"Initially, I've been identifying where all the various collections are held. This is the first day I've been opening boxes and listing the publications, how many pages they are, and making a note of the condition," Brandon said, surrounded by stacks of yellowed newspapers last Tuesday at the Minden library.

Although a lengthy process, taking inventory will help the committee source funding to complete the digitization.

The committee is made up of members from U-Links, Trent University, local museums, the Haliburton County Public Library, and other historical organizations, with Barb Bolin as chair.

"There have been people in the community who have been talking about this project for about a year. A couple of them set out to find funding to do this first phase - from HCDC, the Rotary club, Canoe FM, and some private donors," he said.

The committee is hoping the first phase will be completed by the end of 2023.

Phase two will be to acquire funding, determine where the archive will "live" online, and then carry out the digitizing of all papers.

"We also have to determine if this will be an in-house project, if we will buy the equipment ourselves, or if we're going to subcontract it out," Brandon said. "I've talked to some communities that have already done this, and it's about 50/50. Half of them buy the equipment and do it themselves."

He said if the equipment is purchased, it can also be used to document things like tax records, immigration records, death rolls, and property rolls.

Brandon said offering the county's newspaper archive online will benefit both the community and individuals in it.

"Even on the first day of going through these, I found papers that my father was in, one where I was on the front page - it just gives you the ability to search the county's history and even your own family's. It's amazing going through them and see other people you know, too," he said.

The archive will live on a searchable online database, instead of in basements or storage rooms.

He said unfortunately, collections have gone up in flames in the past, or papers were simply thrown away.

"There's going to be lots of gaps in the early years, but once we get through the larger collections, we're reaching out to the community to see if anyone has personal collections," Brandon said.

The goal is for the Haliburton County Newspaper Digitization Project to be a "living" project after the initial push, adding all publications from local papers each year.

If you have a collection of pre-1980s papers, Brandon can be contacted: haliburtondigital@gmail.com.

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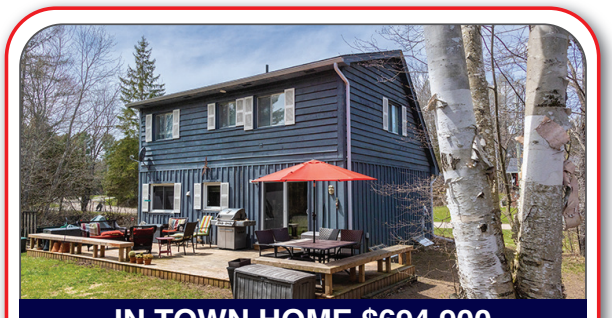

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How to support others while protecting yourself

WE ALL HAVE people in our lives that from time to time need extra support and assistance. How do we help those we care about and maintain our own well-being? Every situation is different and as many of us know, there is no 'easy button.' It is hard, messy, but often necessary work.

Empathy and compassion fatigue can happen when we don't assert our boundaries, or forget our own needs, and become exhausted or frustrated ourselves. The staff at Point in Time have a few key tips to help you protect yourself when you are doing the hard work of supporting others, and to be more effective in supporting your friend or family member.

Firstly, set boundaries around your own capacity to help (i.e., "I can help you do this task for three hours this week.") Secondly, try to ensure you have met your own self-care needs in terms of sleep, exercise, social time, and emotional support (in the form of a friend or partner) so you are feeling well resourced.

Although it can be difficult, try not to force your values on the person you are supporting or give unsolicited advice, but be present, practice active listening, and reflect on what they're saying. Ask how you can help. Give them positive feedback about their strengths and attributes. This is especially important if the person you are supporting is in a toxic or abusive relationship.

Finally, don't be a silent bystander. If you're concerned about someone in your circle, reach out and speak up using "I" statements. Assess the level of personal safety for the individual and ask if they are considering self-harm. If they are, you have an obligation to get them outside assistance (i.e., going to the hospital or talking together on a help line.)

Make sure to debrief with someone you trust if you've been through a stressful situation. And remember that you alone cannot solve the issues they are facing. You may be able to help them work through it – or you may not. Don't try to be superhuman – it won't work out well. From time to time, we need to reassess our own support role and perhaps consider letting others step into it. This can help everyone involved refresh their perspective.

Family support, crisis intervention, and counselling for children, youth, and caregivers is available through Point in Time – call 705-457-5345. Outside of Point in Time's office hours, crisis support is available in partnership with 310-COPE and can be accessed by calling or texting 1-855-310-2673.

The Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub is also partnered with the Sashbear Family Connections Program, a virtual group for family members and caregivers that live with young people who struggle with emotional regulation, suicidal thoughts or Borderline Personality Disorder. Visit www.sashbear.com for more information.

The Canadian Mental Health Association's Road Ahead Mobile Wellness clinic offers counselling and therapy, and support with addictions and substance use in Haliburton County – call 705-991-3551.

Submitted by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

Top 10 reasons why no one gets back to you after leaving a voicemail

VOICEMAIL CAN be the best or the worst thing that has ever happened to communication.

If the recipient gets back to you promptly, it's the best thing. If they never respond, it's the worst.

But before you get mad at the person who never responds you need to understand that your message might have been the problem. With that in mind, here are the top 10 messages that will ensure no one ever gets back to you.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Any message that starts with a rebel yell.
2. Any message that ends with, "Call me back any time. I think I'm going to be on the toilet all day anyhow."
3. If your message begins with, "I'm not sure you remember me, but we had a moment last autumn in the produce section of the grocery store while discussing the high price of broccoli…. I think you felt it too."
4. Any message that you sing and ends with "Top that!"
5. Any message that begins with "Hey, I know we haven't spoken in years, but I'm wondering if you could help move me this weekend."
6. Any message that incorporates the long version of the story of your life.
7. Any message that begins with "Have you ever had Montezuma's Revenge? If so, call me back to compare notes."
8. Ang message that starts with "I know I dialed a wrong number and we don't know each other, but I was captivated by your voicemail greeting. Please, please, please call me back."
9. Any message that ends with "Call me back. I think it is high time we started talking in detail about our mutual physical ailments."
10. Any message that begins with, "Do you like prairie oysters? Because I bought way too many of them…"

Spaces

Waves of Wind, weaving through Air, denting the slate-coloured Lake,
clouds scudding across a steel Sky, blotting the face of Sun.
I stand on a finger of land, jutting out from the shore, watching a seagull duel with Wind,
its wings, flapping, without flying anywhere, as if invisible strings were suspending it in space,
its silence, as it tries to fly, louder than its squawks, trapped inside.
I walk along the long finger of land, Wind whirling all around me,
bending the branches of trees that spring up from the earth, rumpling the scrubs of bushes, that I pass,
clusters of berries, bulging alongside leaves, the kind I was warned not to eat, when I was small.
I linger at the skeleton of a tree, a grey burr of a bird, clinging to one of its branches,
Wind, unable to blow it away,
the leafless tree, a refuge for the bird, as the open space of Lake, roils around us,
slants of sunlight, sliding through the clouds, illuminating Sky and patches of Lake.
How tiny, I feel, like the grey bird, or a berry on its twig, standing on this finger of land,
surrounded by all this space, the vastness of Sky, changing above me, Sun, playing hide and seek with clouds,
Wind, scrubbing Air, as I free my hair from its knot, let Wind weave through its strands,
loosening something within me, just standing here, for a moment, in a patch of tall grasses,
inhaling gusts of Wind, blowing my Breath back out, as it merges with Air,
the seagull, flapping past, winning its duel with Wind.
I walk towards the tip of the finger of land, where two boys stand, casting their fishing lines into the Lake,
thinking, that soon, they will be in school, staring at a screen, instead of wavelets of Lake,
splashing against the rocks,
listening to their teacher, instead of Wind, rustling in the reeds.
One of the boys waves, and I wave back, asking if he caught anything.
Not today, he shrugs, it takes them an hour to walk here, he offers,
they fish here every day, all summer, since they were small.
I watch the boys fish, in silence, their camaraderie, natural as the pair of ducks floating past.
I leave them be, to dream of perch and pike, turning to walk back along this finger of land,
that the boys must know, like the back of their hand, every tendril, every bush, every berry,
the grey bird, still resting on the branch of the bare tree,
I wonder whether it feels the silence of Wind, as it slinks through the spaces
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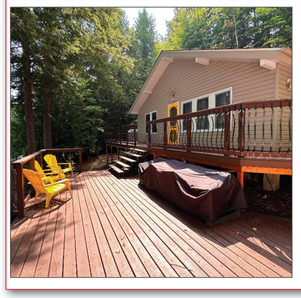

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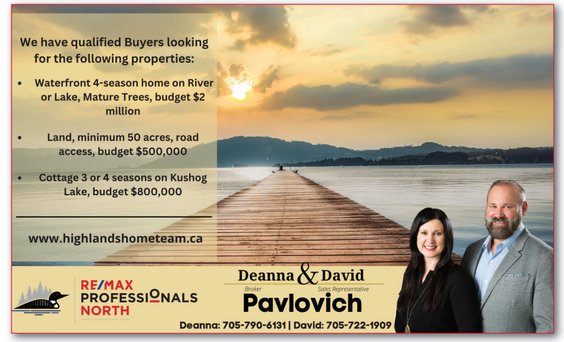
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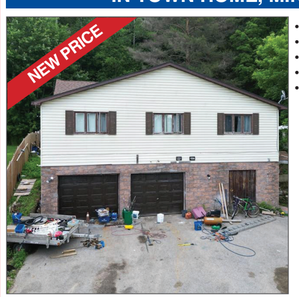

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Where: Minden United Church basement, 21 Newcastle Street
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When: Sept. 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Where: SIRCH Bistro, 49 Maple Ave., Haliburton
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Too Much Doubt: Haliburton Mystery
When: Sept. 9, 10, 2:30 p.m.
Where: On the Grounds of the Haliburton Highlands Museum
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Board Game Cafe
When: Sept. 14, 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: SIRCH Bistro, 49 Maple Ave., Haliburton
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Family Community Day Kinark Outdoor Centre
When: Sept.16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date Sept. 17)
Where: Kinark Outdoor Centre, 1766 Queens Line Road, Minden
This event is open to all families and community members. Activities include outdoor rock wall, high ropes, archery, a BBQ lunch, canoeing, pedal boating, tie dying, and hiking. **No cost.** Participants are asked to bring closed toed shoes and a water bottle. Pre-registration is required for this event. Please contact Elisha Weiss at elisha.weiss@kinark.on.ca or 705-320-0045.

Coboconk Legion Yard and Craft Sale
When: Sept. 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion, Hwy 35 & 118
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When: Saturday, Sept. 16, noon to 3 p.m.
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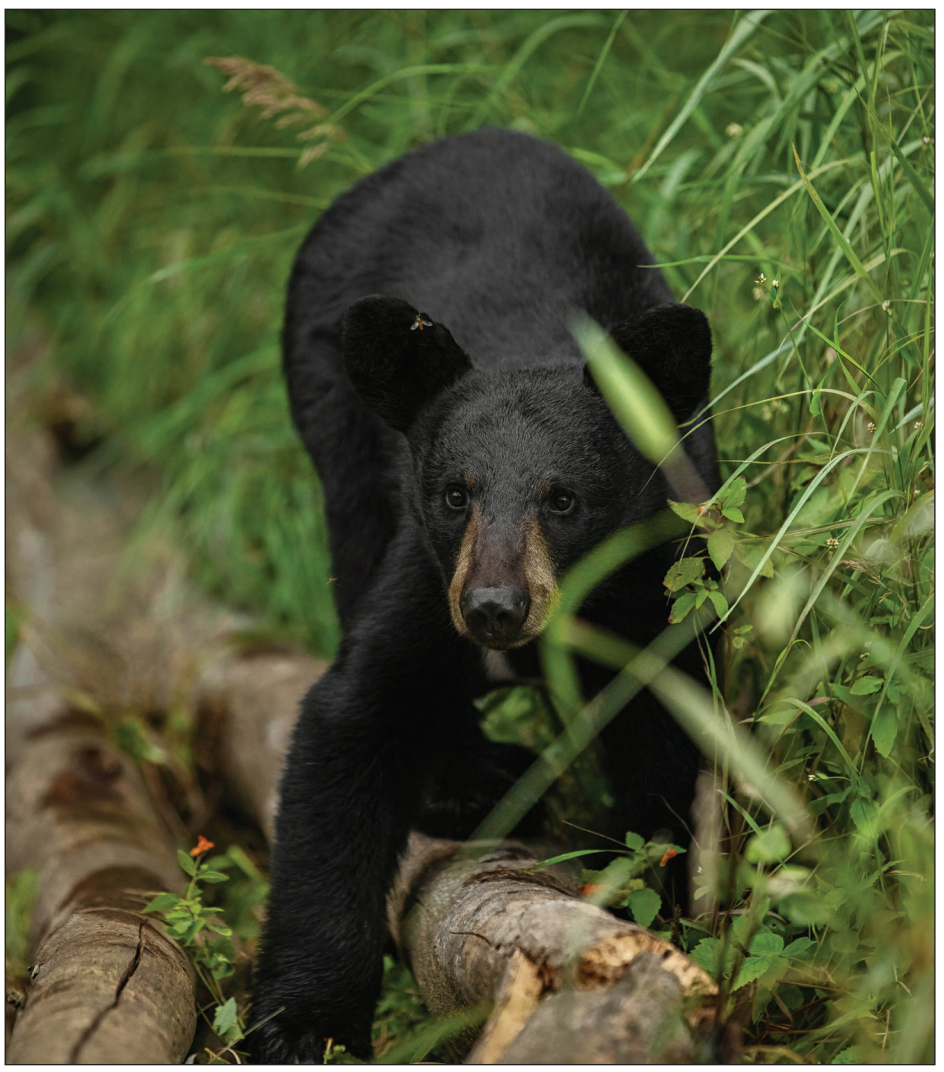

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Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall.
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot. $1000 Jackpot – first Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
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Branch 636 Minden

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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
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Sept. 15 - 2 to 9 p.m. – Wings/Jam 5 to 8 p.m.
Sept. 16 - 2 to 6 p.m. – Meat Draw 3 p.m. Golf Tournament Pinestone Resort by registration
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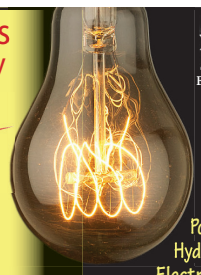

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MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

As a new executive member of both the federal and provincial Progressive Conservative Party, one of Laurie Scott's first priorities will be to convince her fellow Tories to never – never – hold a national convention the week before the Kinmount Fair again.

It's been a whirlwind two weeks for Scott. At the national convention in Edmonton the weekend of August 25, she topped the polls to become one of four vice-presidents of the Ontario party, automatically giving her a seat on the federal executive.

There was no time to rest on her laurels, however.

After the convention, she flew to Toronto on the earliest possible flight so she could get back home to Kinmount to carry on a second Scott family tradition – organizing one of the province's biggest and most successful rural fall fairs.

"I do the dog show, kids races and the two night dances," she said during a brief break on Thursday.

Once the clean up is over, she jokingly says that she's putting her fellow executive members on notice that no other major event can ever be booked on or around Labour Day.

Scott is the daughter of the late Bill Scott, the Kinmount grocer who was one of the longest serving MPs in

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

First day jitters

Tuesday wasn't only the first day of school for Celeste Morrow-Baillie – it was her first day at school in Haliburton. The new Grade 2 student was a bit spooked when a thunderous boom accompanied a quick rain storm, but she found comfort in the arms of her teacher. Pat Bain, who's been a teacher for 42 years, says she feels lucky to be back in a place where people care about one another and there's so much learning going on.More back to school photos from Stuart Baker Elementary School are on page 3.

Gypsy moths are back

Highlanders hope that virus that's killing them in Muskoka will do the same here

CATHY OLLIFFE
Staff Reporter

To the virus that is currently kicking Gypsy moth butt in Muskoka: you are officially invited to do the same thing in the Highlands.

The invitation was extended by Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed at the County Environmental Forum held last Friday at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre in Minden. Shortreed is a council liaison on the County Advisory Committee for the Environment and he is concerned about the damage Gypsy moths are doing to forests in the Highlands.

"I hope the virus can be transported over the Dorset tower hill because we have quite an infestation going on," he said.

(Coincidentally, The Echo received an E-mail on Tuesday from Hilary Brown of Moore Lake saying, "This Gypsy moth infestation seems to be concentrated in southern Lutterworth and the City of Kawarthas.")

Shortreed addressed his concern to the forum's guest speaker, Mike Walsh of the Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship

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THIS WEEK'S FEATURE

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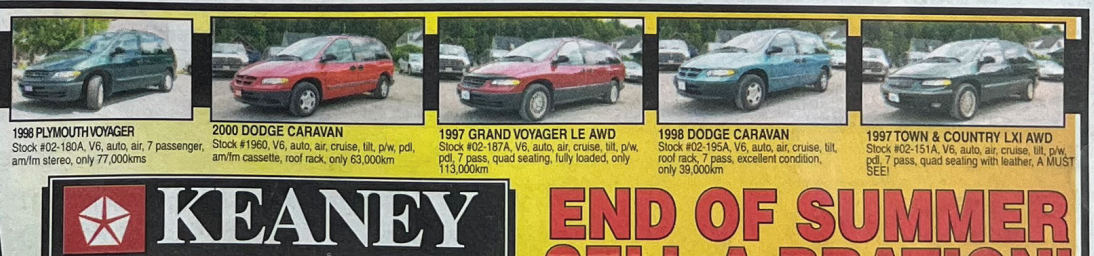

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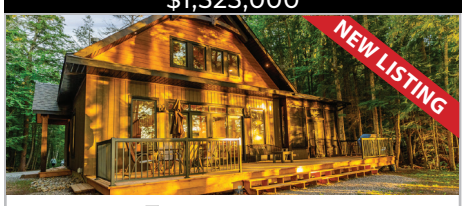

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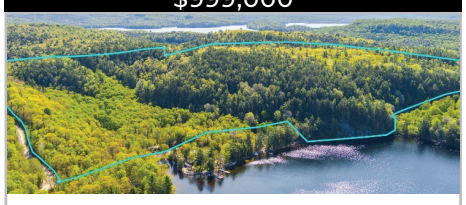

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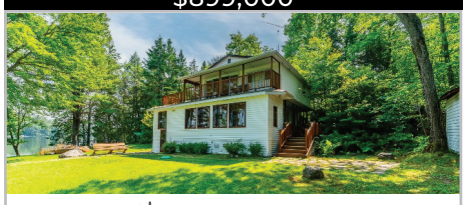

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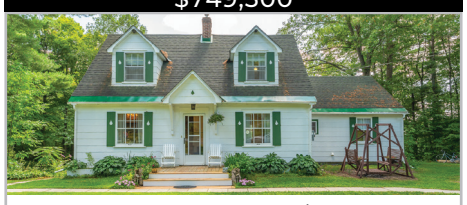

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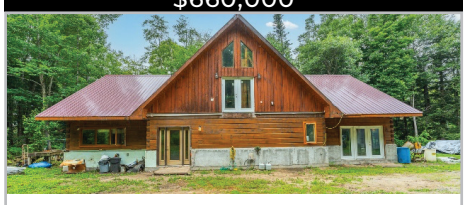

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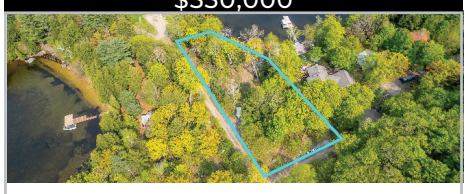

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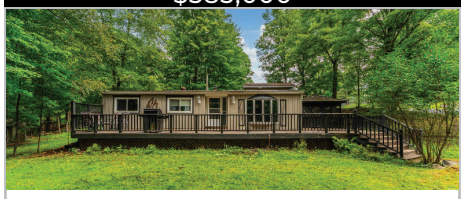

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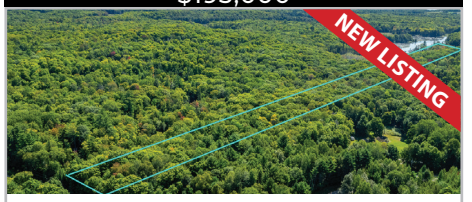

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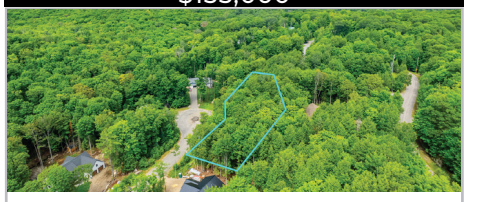

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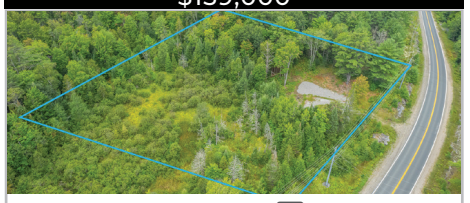

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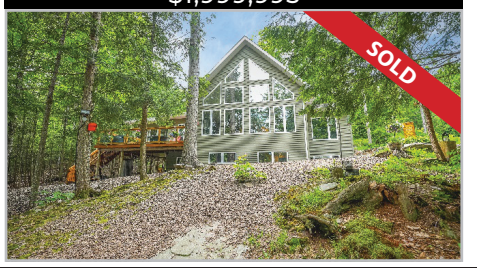

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